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Dear Sir:

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In an Office Action mailed October 23, 2001, claims 1-20 were subjected to a restriction and/or election requirement. According to the Office Action, the present application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: the species of Fig. 1, the species of Fig. 8, the species of Fig. 9 and the species of Fig. 10. The Office Action stated that a telephone call on September 10, 2001, did not result in an election being made in this case. While Applicants agree that an election did not take place on September 10, 2001, a telephone message was left for the Examiner on September 26, 2001, electing the species of Fig. 10, with traverse. The Office Action also stated that claims 17, 8 and 15 were generic.

With this reply, Applicants hereby confirm the election of species of Fig. 10, with traverse. Applicants submit that generic claims 1, 8 and 15 read on the embodiment of Fig. 10. Further, Applicants submit that all of the dependent claims, with the exception of claims 3, 12 and 19, read on the embodiment of Fig. 10.

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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or comments with respect to this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (616) 949-9610.

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